

## Defra's Civil Society Partnership Network (CSPN)

### Membership

#### Dee Bingham



#### **Current position(s): Freelance**

Dee provides an independent, free Litter Advice & Information Service for voluntary sector organisations/groups, answering enquiries, sharing online updates and best practice.

Voluntary roles include: Eco-Schools Programme Green Flag Assessor; Trustee of CleanUpUK (tbc); Support and scrutiny of NHS Salford via CCG Patient Participation & Consultation Group; Local Healthwatch member (a health social enterprise); Angel Centre member (a community social enterprise).

#### **Brief career summary:**

Employee of environmental campaign Keep BritainTidy for 22 years until retirement in 2012, latterly as Head of Corporate Support.

Previous roles include: University of Salford, Editor of academic journal 'Environmental Education and Information' and Secretary of Environmental Institute; Civic Trust NW, Events and Publications Officer.

#### **Key policy interests/expertise:**

Local Environmental Quality – litter, dog fouling, street cleansing, fly-tipping, fly-posting, graffiti, volunteer clean-up schemes, related legal issues, public information for improving local environments.

Waste Management, Reduction, Recycling. Community engagement with these issues.

Charity, Voluntary, NFP Sectors. Their role in improving public space, quality of life, well being, environmental education/awareness/action.

# Ruth Chambers

## **Current position(s): Campaigns and Public Policy Specialist**



### **Brief career summary**

Experienced campaigner and public policy specialist, with particular expertise in the charity and environment sectors. Previously Vice Chair of the Civil Society Advisory Board.

Currently working as a freelance consultant advising charities and public bodies on policy and campaigns. Holds various Board roles including as a Trustee of the London Wildlife Trust and Campaign for Better Transport, non-exec Board Member of Hexagon Housing Association and Lay Member on a Public Health England expert committee on the medical effects of air pollution. Advises several charities on a voluntary basis and volunteers at a foodbank.

### **Key policy interests/expertise**

Landscape, protected landscapes, public access, air quality, wildlife conservation, food poverty, social policy, transport, charity governance and management

## Tom Flood, CBE

Tom Flood spent his early years in Southern Ireland, and was granted British citizenship in 1999.



**Current position(s):** Chair of Acevo Solutions, Chair, Water Sector Innovation Leadership Group, a non Executive Director, Energy Saving Trust Limited, and Chair Energy Saving Trust Foundation. Member Defra Civil Society Partnership Network, Vice President CPRE and National Trust Council.

### **Brief career summary:**

His early career was with A E Herbert, W S Atkins and Partners and 3M UK. In 1986 he joined The Conservation Volunteers as its first Marketing Director. In July 2012, after 11 years in the role he stepped down as CEO.

### **Key policy interests/expertise:**

Tom has a keen interest social justice, the importance of the natural world for society, and pioneering new community interventions. He is working closely with Defra and the Water sector, to create a UK Water Partnership and united the industry.

He was awarded a CBE in 2004 for services to conservation. He is a regular speaker on environmental and social issues.

Tom and his civil partner Paul, divide their time between London and Dorset.

# Carlo Laurenzi, OBE

**Current position: CEO, London Wildlife Trust**

**Brief career summary:**

Carlo has worked in the voluntary sector for 25 years this November. He was appointed as Chief Executive of the London Wildlife Trust in 2003 and since being in post, has concentrated on promoting the Trust as the only organisation solely dedicated to the protection and enhancement of wildlife in London.

Prior to employment in the environment sector, Carlo gained a broad range of experience working for: Lloyds Bank (Overseas Division), London Borough of Islington and the Open University. He went on to be Director of Policy and Research, National Deaf Children's Society, and later Executive Director, Prisoners Abroad, in addition to many consultancy roles. Carlo co-founded Hostage UK with Terry Waite in 2002 and is currently its chair of Trustees.

**Key policy interests/expertise:**

A committed advocate of the voluntary sector, Carlo was awarded an OBE in recognition of his services to the sector in 2000. His work has given him extensive experience of politics at national and European level and he has co-authored three books and numerous reports.



# Marina Pacheco

**Current position(s): CEO, The Mammal Society**

**Brief career summary:**

My career started in Portugal overseeing a red squirrel introduction project. I then moved to England and volunteered with BTCV and TrUE and got my first job at BTCV training young people. I moved to Hounslow Council Parks Department and worked on the parks strategy. Back at BTCV I supported local groups carrying out conservation work. I became the Head of Planning at CPRE and gained experience in planning policy and campaigning. At The Mammal Society we support active mammalogists.



**Key policy interests/expertise:**

My main area of interest is in biodiversity, conservation and public involvement and engagement. I also have a slight background in agricultural policy and planning.

# **Arlin Rickard**



## **Current position(s):**

Chief Executive Officer – The Rivers Trust

Director – River Ecosystem Services

Chairman – Catchment Based Approach, National Support Group

## **Brief career summary:**

Founding Director of Westcountry Rivers Trust, from the Trusts' inception in 1994 until 2004 when he moved across to lead 'The Rivers Trust', the newly formed charitable umbrella body of the Rivers Trust Movement covering England, Wales and Ireland.

Arlin is a commoner on Bodmin Moor, in Cornwall, where he has a smallholding. He began his career in agriculture and has wide-ranging experience of land use, ecology, fisheries & wildlife, the charitable sector and community relations. A former Member of the IUCN (The World Conservation Union) Commission on Ecosystem Management, Arlin has spent many years working closely with community groups including, farmers, land managers, anglers and riparian owners and developing new project initiatives adopting the Ecosystem Approach.

## **Key policy interests/expertise:**

Arlin has developed and worked on a number of European projects and policy programmes covering a range of issues including agriculture, freshwater fisheries, catchment management and climate change, the EU Water Framework Directive, and the development of the "third sector" through championing the community based, Rivers Trust Movement and most recently, 'The Catchment Based Approach'.

## Crispin Truman

**Current position(s):** Chief Executive, The Churches Conservation Trust, Trustee of Heritage Alliance, Chair of national Heritage Open Days Committee and Chair of Future Religious Heritage, secondary school governor.



### **Brief career summary:**

Crispin Truman has been the chief executive of the Churches Conservation Trust, the national charity protecting historic churches at risk for the past 10 years. The Trust manages nearly 350 heritage buildings across England attracting almost 2m visitors a year and promotes them as an educational, tourism and community resource.

Crispin is a trustee of Heritage Alliance and chairs the national Heritage Open Days committee. He led the setting up of a new European network, Future Religious Heritage, which he chairs. Crispin is also a secondary school governor in Hackney, and chairs the Finance Committee.

Crispin trained as a social worker. He was chief executive of the Revolving Doors Agency for six years and helped set the charity up to demonstrate new ways of working in mental health, homelessness and criminal justice. He is also former chair of the London Cycling Campaign and a number of local environmental campaign groups.

### **Key policy interests/expertise:**

The relationship between civil society and the natural and built environment. Protection of heritage through community engagement. Leading national civil society organisations and making links across institutional divides in order to increase impact. Developing strategy and engaging stakeholders, mobilising funds and delivering through complex, cost-effective organisations and partnerships.

More on:

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# Mark Walton

**Current position(s): Executive Director, Shared Assets**

**Brief career summary:**

Mark began his career with the Environment Agency in a number of pollution prevention, detection and enforcement roles. From 2001-2006 he worked in the community waste sector, providing support to social enterprises involved in waste minimisation, reuse, recycling and composting.

Mark joined the Community Development Foundation (CDF) in 2006 as Head of Every Action Counts, a £4.5 million programme that supported the voluntary and community sector to take action on sustainable development and climate change. He remained at CDF until 2011 as Head of Stronger Communities, then Director of Innovation and Partnerships.

In 2012 he founded Shared Assets, a social enterprise that supports collaboration between communities and landowners to develop new forms of productive, sustainable and enterprising management for woodlands, waterways, parks, green spaces and coastal areas. He has a diploma in Public Administration from Warwick Business School and is a 2012 Clore Social Fellow.

**Key policy interests/expertise:**

Creating new models of governance and management for environmental “commons” such as land, waterways, environmental assets and natural resources, based on social enterprise, community development and broad-based stakeholder engagement. Rethinking and redesigning green space management and environmental services in ways that deliver shared social, economic and environmental benefits.



# Judy Wong

**OBE, CBE, FRSA, HonFCIWEM, HonPhD, HonFIES,  
FUKMAB, FSE**



**Current position(s):** Honorary President Black Environment Network, Chair Sowing the Seeds Network, Vice-Chair UNESCO UK Man and the Biosphere Urban Forum, IUCN/WCPA Urban Specialist Group, Advisory Board Countryside and Community Research Institute, National Advisory Group - The Wild Network.

## **Brief career summary:**

Judy was the Director of BEN for 27 years. BEN works across diverse sectors in the context of sustainable development, integrating social, cultural and environmental concerns.

Judy is a major voice on policy towards social inclusion.

## **Key policy interests/expertise:**

Judy has worked extensively in various sectors - in the arts, in psychotherapy and in community engagement. This multiple background means that she is uniquely placed to take forward the development of an integrated approach to environmental and heritage participation, bringing together different fields and sharing cultural visions. She was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 1997 in recognition of her contribution to contemporary environmental thinking. She was awarded an OBE as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours 2000 in recognition of her pioneering work in establishing ethnic environmental participation. In 2003, she was made a Honorary Fellow of the Chartered Institution for Water and Environmental Management. In 2005, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Gloucester. She was received a CBE in the Birthday Honours 2007 for services to heritage. 2012 saw further honours – Honorary Fellowship Institution Environmental Sciences, Fellow UK MAB (Man and the Biosphere) Urban Forum, and most recently in 2014 Fellow of the Society for the Environment.

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